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DIAMOND JEWELLERY AND ENGLISH SILVER WARE
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Hongkong, August 12, 1908.

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TENNIS
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Hongkong, November 1, 1909.

**ROSSIA INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA.

TOTAL ASSETS..... Rubles 73,000,000.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
Messrs MELCHERS & CO. have
been appointed our AGENTS in Hong-
kong.

Referring to the above Notice, we have
taken over the Agency of the
ROSSIA INSURANCE COMPANY,
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And we are prepared to Accept Orders for
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(European and Chinese Risks) at Current
Rates.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Insurance Dept.
Hongkong, February 4, 1910.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1907.
£18,114,624.
Authorized Capital £25,000,000
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
Paid-up Capital £627,500 0 0
II—Fire Funds £9,065,974 16 3
III—Life & Annuity Funds £4,919,842 10 3
Sinking Fund Account £6,907 5 8

£18,114,624 11 1
Seven Five Branches £2,280,852 15 1
Life & Annuity Branches £1,847,224 13 8
Sinking Fund Account £8,289 5 0

£4,136,169 16 11
The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

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SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKA-
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AGENCIES:

YOKOHAMA: M. Asada, Esq.

CHINKIANG: Messrs. Hoaring &
Co.MANILA: Messrs. Macondray &
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For particulars, apply to

H. OISEI,
Manager,
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HONGKONG.

Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

THE 'STAR' FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY
MEETING of this Company will be held
at the Office of Messrs. GIBBS,
Messrs. GIBBS & Co., on SATURDAY, 21st May, 1910,
at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors, together with
a Statement of Accounts to 30th April,
1910.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be
CLOSED ON MONDAY, 18th inst., to
SATURDAY, 21st inst., both days in-
clusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 9, 1910.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND
MINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE
SHILLING AND SIX PENCE per
Share, free of tax, on account of profit
for the year ending 31st December, 1909,
has been declared by the Directors of the
above Company. COUPON No. 14 is payable on the 2nd
May, at the Chartered Bank of India,
Australia and China and the Russo-Chinese
Bank at Tientsin and Shanghai.

J. S. DOBIE,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 2, 1909.

SWATOW DRAWN WORK CO.,

174, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

MANUFACTURERS of the best quality

of hand-made drawn Chinese Linen,
and Grass Cloth.All kinds of fine and best quality
Canton Embroidery and Chinese
Laces of the latest French
Patterns.

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 13, 1909.

**THE BIRD IN
THE HAND**(A BIRD IN THE HAND IS
WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH).

'THE bird in the hand' to the
merchant is the customer within
the store. It requires some sort of
attraction in the first place to get the
customer there—about the best at-
traction is a real, live advertisement
something good that will catch the eye
that has been carefully written, artis-
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Advertisements in the China Mail and
Overland China Mail read the best,
look the best and give the best results.

Hongkong, April 12, 1910.

OWEN B. WILKS & CO.,GENERAL & COMMISSION
AGENT.

STOCKS KEPT OF

SHIPOWNERS ANTI-FOULING

COMPOSITIONS

FOR SHIPS BOTTOMS (GREENWOOD BRAND).

ANTI-RODENT METALS.

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ELECTRIC LAMPS, FANS AND
SUPPLIES.

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Hongkong, August 3, 1909.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 16.

Though both the Premier and Mr. Birrell
have flatly denied that there is any compact
between the Liberals and the Irish, feeling
in the House is otherwise. The Budget and
the Lords' report, Irish politics occupy a large
share of attention at home just now, for the
rebellious attitude of William O'Brien
makes things interesting between the
various sections of the Nationalists and the
revelations of Sir Robert Anderson as to
the authorship of the Times articles on
"Parnellism and Crime" have revived
much ancient bitterness and infused any
amount of pugilistic feeling into the at-
mosphere of the House of Commons. The
other night "Willie" Redmond was only
restrained from punching the head of Mr.
Stanley Wilson by the intervention of John
Burns and one or two others.

Next in immediate heat is Mr. Balfour's
announcement in favour of admitting
Colonial wheat free. It is a decision not
in agreement with some of the Tariff Reform
party and it makes the "Morning Post"
among others, angry. Moreover, it has not
placated the home agriculturists who are
not much inclined to care whether the corn
comes from Canada or the Argentine, so
long as it hits them. But Mr. Balfour has
made some very brilliant attacks on the
Government of late and it would appear
that he is about to throw himself and
his more active followers into an active
campaign, in preparation for the next
election, which he thinks the Opposition
can win.

Part of this plan of campaign is to be a
vigorous attack on the Free Trade strong-
holds of the North. In this attack, I may
mention, Mr. Gordon Stewart, member
for the Wiltshire division of Wiltshire, and
well known in the East, who has been
allotted a prominent part.

But it is just as well to see the fun of
politics on which ever side it comes, so I
include in this brief survey the plan of a
Mr. Marmion of Booter, who wrote to Col.
Sandys, the Conservative member for the
division, pointing out that much machinery
is brought into this country from Germany
"for taking the wrinkles out of trips" and
he asked the Colonel to move for a measure
of protection because trips is an important
item in the food supply of Lancashire. The
gallant member, with infinite tact, replied
that there was no hope for sympathy from
this Government, but under the next the
prospects would be infinitely brighter.

On Thursday evening a most interesting
lecture, illustrated with beautiful lantern
slides, was given in the Caxton Hall on
"Chinese porcelain" by Mr. R. L. Hobson,
B.A., of the British Museum. How widely
the subject appeals was shown in the large
attendance of China Society members and
the close attention paid to the excellent
lecture.

The subject being a very extensive one,
covering a wide variety of wares and a
long stretch of history, the lecturer
contented himself with giving a survey of
the main points to be remembered in dis-
covering what periods Chinese porcelain
belonged to.

There were no examples known to
experts, he said, of translucent Chinese
ware dating back further than the Sung
dynasty, from 960 to 1279. But according
to records in Chinese archives porcelain
was made as early as 618 A.D. Of the
Sung ware, Londoners, he announced,
would soon be able to take closer
stock, for a fine exhibition was shortly to
be held in the West End. The collectors
have been able to enrich their hoards with
many more specimens since railways began
to cut through China, disclosing much
buried treasures.

Next he spoke of the pottery centre of
Ching-tchen, where during the Yuan
dynasty there was great activity in produc-
ing translucent white porcelain. The
classic period for Chinese porcelain was
from the fourteenth to the seventeenth
centuries, especially in the first half of
Ming dynasty but these wares were
hardly known out of the East, and nothing
like so familiar to Westerners as the
sixteenth century Ming ware. Of these
wares the most notable were the five
coloured porcelain of the Wan-li period,
and the blue and white porcelain.

At that time began the manufacture of
that extensive variety of wares known as
famille verte, from the green predominance
of the various tints. But there was much
unwarranted description of lots in Western
sale catalogues attributing items to the Ming
period, and it behooved collectors to be wary.
Most of the specimens prized in the collec-
tions of the West belonged to the Kang-
hi, the Tung-chen and the Chien-lung
periods of the present dynasty, stretching
from 1662 to 1795. The Tung-chen period
was famous for the introduction of the
famille rose enamel, and this style was
developed in the Chien-lung period, to the
superiority of the famille verte.

Finally the lecturer told how the art of
pottery died steadily in the nineteenth
century till the Taiping rebellion came
along and the Imperial factories were
destroyed as a final blow to the industry.
An entertaining and excellent chairman
was found in Ivan Chen, the popular
secretary of the Chinese Legation.

There is a closer connection between the
Board of Agriculture's revelations on
imported dogs and chips than would be
supposed at first glance. For chips are
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PEARSON'S HYCOL

(Co-efficient 18/30)

The most POWERFUL DISINFECTANT in the WORLD. Guaranteed 18/30
TIMES more effective than pure Carbolic Acid under GOVERNMENT STANDARD
TEST on TYPHOID GERMS. Certificate of strength given to each buyer
NON-POISONOUS and NON-IRRITANT to HUMAN and ANIMAL life
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ONE GALLON will make 400 GALLONS of Efficient Disinfectant.

PERFECT EMULSION IN WATER.
PRICE \$3.00... per 1 Gallon Drum.
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Ask other manufacturers of fluids for a Guarantee of the Germicidal
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HYCOL—This is the only way you can arrive at the Germ killing properties
and at the true value of a Genuine Disinfecting Fluid.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA & JAPAN FOR
PEARSON'S ANTISEPTIC CO., LD.

Hongkong, May 8, 1910.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established our Hong-
kong Branch, with Offices in the
HONGKONG HAZEL BUILDING, Des Voeux
Road, and have admitted as a PARTNER
to this said Branch MA DENIS EWART
DONNELLY, under whose management
the business will be conducted.
GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,
Wholesale Wine Merchants.
Hongkong, May 7, 1910.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are GENERAL
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Glasgow.
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Cognac Shippers, Bordeaux.
Dennis, Monie & Co. (Estbd. 1838),
Cognac Shippers, Cognac.
Edgell & Hutchinson, Wine Shippers,
London.
Foster & Sons, Ltd. (Estbd. 1829), Beer
and Stout Bottlers, London.
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previous to 1795), Port Shippers,
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Liquor Distillers, London.
Martini & Rossi, (Largest Vintners
& Manufacturers in the World), Turin.
Meux's Brewery Co., Ltd. (Estbd. 1764),
Beer and Stout, Brewers, London.
Tanqueray, Gordon & Co. (Estbd. 1769),
Gin Distillers, London.
GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,
Wholesale Wine Merchants.
Hongkong, May 7, 1910.

NOTICE.

IN connection with the above advertise-
ments we have this day appointed
Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Retail Agents for the Sale of the above
Wines and Spirits, to whom all enquiries
should be addressed.
GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,
Wholesale Wine Merchants.
Hongkong, May 10, 1909.

NOTICE.

HAVING this day been appointed by
Messrs GARNER, QUELCH & CO.
Retail Agents for the Sale of the above
Wines and Spirits we are prepared to
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Shippers.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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110, The PEAR. From 1st May
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, April 25, 1910.

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OFFICES in DES VOEUX ROAD
CENTRAL.
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Messrs PERCY SMITH & SETH,
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Hongkong, March 21, 1910.

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GODOWN No. 54, DUNDRELL
STREET.
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MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, January 1, 1910.

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ONE LARGE SHOP with ample Store
Rooms, from 1st July, 1910
Apply to the MEDICAL HALL, corner
of Des Voeux Road and Ice House Street.
Hongkong, April 29, 1910.

TO LET.

N^o. 2, MEIRION, The Peak.
Apply to
HUGHES & HOUGH.
Hongkong, December 17, 1909.

TO LET.

BUCKLEY LODGE, CAINE ROAD,
suitable for a Boarding House, School,
College, or Family Residence, recently
painted and renovated throughout. Im-
mediate possession.
Apply to
CHATER & MODY.
Hongkong, May 14, 1909.

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N^o. 4, BARROW TERRACE,
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SPANISH DOMINICAN
PROCURATION.
Hongkong, March 11, 1910.

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A LUGENSLAND EAST.
No. 18, PEAK ROAD.
NINE ROOMED HOUSE, Electric
Light fittings
Bathrooms and W.C.s.
Below the log line.
Halfway to the Peak.
Rent \$200 per month including taxes.
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TO LET.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.
GODOWNS in PRATA EAST, 5th Build-
ing.
No. 10, Des Voeux Road CENTRAL, 1st
Floor.
A House in RYTON TERRACE.
A House in WONG NEW GARDEN ROAD.
OFFICES, No. 2, CONNAUGHT
ROAD, 3rd Floor.
DARTMOOR, No. 13, Conduit Road.
A HOUSE in OLIFTON GARDENS.
OFFICES, 16, Des Voeux Road Central.
GODOWNS, PRATA EAST, formerly occupied
by M.B.E.
SEMI-EUROPEAN FLATS, Moderate
Rents, PRATA EAST—Corner of Obser-
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Also new EUROPEAN FLATS adjoining
the new Sze Hai Tang, PRATA EAST.
Apply to
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MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, January 1, 1910.

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N^{os}. 19 and 23, BELLIOS TER-
RACE, newly painted and colour-
washed, cheap rent.
FOR SALE, JOHN OREST, at Peak
commanding magnificent view of the Har-
bour and adjacent islands.
Promises at SHAMEN, CANTON,
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Railway.
No. 19, 23 and 25, SHELLEY STREET,
New 6 roomed House.
BRACONSFIELD ARCADE, One room
1st Floor, suitable for Office.
No. 9, BRACONSFIELD ARCADE,
Shop.
From 1st May, 1910, No. 4, JOEHOUSE
STREET, now in occupation of the
Nippon Club.
No. 2, DES VOEUX VILLAS, Peak.
Newly done up.
ROOMS in Nos. 15 & 17, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor.
A 7-Roomed House in MACDONNELL
ROAD (Hongkong) with Garden, from 1st
July or earlier.
GODOWN D. DUNDRELL STREET.
One SMALL GODOWN in DUNDRELL
STREET.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
2nd Floor, Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, April 12, 1907.

TO LET.

OARMICHAEL AND
CLARKE

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Soda Water ... 50 cts.

Soda Water (Bombay bottles) ... 60 "

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Specialties:

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Dry Ginger Ale ... \$1.00; Splits 60 "

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Bottles will be charged for

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dozen, and credited in full

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HONGKONG,
30th April 1910.EMPIRE CINEMATOGRAF
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PREMIER HALL OF THE COLONY.

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Opposite Central Market.

Performances:—7.15 to 9 and

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SIR HARVEY AND

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The celebrated Australian Artists

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FINEST BALCONY IN THE COLONY.

ELECTRIC FANS AND PUNKERS.

NEW
PIANOS

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AT

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Tuning and Regular

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S. MOUTRIE & Co.,

LIMITED.

HONGKONG, April 13, 1910.

MARRIAGE.

On April 11, at Brighton, E. F. Accott,

of Hongkong, to JEAN FARQUHARSON.

MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.

Miscellaneous

Goods per Karama delivered after this

date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

Saturday, May 14.—Auction of Household

furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's

Sales Rooms.

9 p.m.—Boxing at the Stadium of Belle

Vier Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, May 18.—

Exchange Bonds Closed.

Goods per Karama delivered after this

date at noon will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

TUESDAY, May 17.—

Goods per Chicago Maria undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, May 18.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Raw Silk at No. 15

Godown of the H. E. & E. Wharf &

Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

SATURDAY, May 21.—

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Star Ferry

Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Gibb, Livingston

& Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, May 12, 1910.

FLOWER SHOW ETHICS.

We print in another column the annual

report of the Hongkong Horticultural

Society. The object of the Society is

stated in its rules to be the "encourage-

ment of gardening, and the principal

action taken towards the attainment of

that object is the holding of an annual

flower and vegetable show. The

Society after four years spent in feeling

its way and buying experience (it was

started with a sum of \$2,000, subscribed

by the leading business firms), has at

last apparently found its feet and the

credit balance of nearly \$700, with

which it commenced its last financial

year, is not materially diminished at the

end of that year.

The main item of expenditure is for

prizes given at the annual show. It

appears that these cost about \$500 a

year, and in the year under review this

amount was divided among forty prize-

winners, the most fortunate of whom

took as many as 23 out of a total of 152

prizes. It is probable that this liberal

treatment acts largely as an incentive to

good gardening, as the money no doubt

mostly goes to the Chinese gardener,

but a paragraph in the report makes

us doubt if it is an unmixed good. It

is said that rumours have reached the

Committee that the rule which provides

that all exhibits shall have been in the

possession of the exhibitor for at least

six weeks has not been strictly adhered

to. It is to be regretted that any

such remark should have been found

necessary. An amateur Flower Show

should be run on sportsmanlike lines

and the Committee does well in taking

no further action than appealing to the

honour of the members to uphold the

reputation of the Society. The Com-

mittee cannot maintain a staff of detec-

tives to see that the rules are adhered

to and indeed the few rules attached to

the annual schedule cannot cover half

the open questions which turn up in

connection with the Exhibition and on

which a man of strict honour would

decide, perhaps to his detriment, to

be on the right side, while another

might sail as near the wind as

possible. A rule, states that exhibits

shall have been in the exhibitor's pos-

session for at least six weeks before

the show, but no one with any pre-

tention to fair-mindedness would think

of buying plants at a market garden

before that time and keeping them

to exhibit in his own name. Pot plants

should of course be grown in pots

though there is no rule to that effect.

A conscientious exhibitor has many

opportunities in staging his exhibits

of not taking up more room than he

is strictly entitled to—to the disad-

vantage of competitors. The ladies

who so materially add to the interest

of the Show by the trouble they take

over the table decorations have ample

opportunities of inculcating a high stand-

ard of integrity by refusing assistance

or advice from others who might kindly

but thoughtlessly offer it. There are

no doubt many other ways which will

occur to those acquainted with the

details of a Flower Show in which

the desire to win a prize at all costs

may be subordinated to the desire

to be "true and just in all one's

dealings."

In every day life one's business

transactions are governed by volumes of

laws and ordinances and even these are

not enough but must be supplemented

by costly "test cases" to obtain rulings

on disputed points, but surely anything

of this sort should be needless in an

amateur gardening society. Its affairs

should rather be governed by that

unwritten code of honour which is the

basis of all laws and rules, the everyday

conduct of all fair-minded men.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 12th April

was delivered in London on the 11th May.

Another case of plague has been

noticed to-day, the subject being a

Chinese residing at Tit Hoq Lang. This

is the seventh case for the year.

An application has been made to the

London Stock Exchange to allow the

following security to be quoted in the

official list:—Whiteaway, Laidlaw and

Company, Limited.—100,000 "venders"

cumulative preference shares of £1 each,

fully paid. Nos. 100,001 to 400,000.

The directors of the Hongkong and

China Gas have declared a dividend of 5

per cent. and a bonus of 1 per cent.

(together 12s. per share) for the last year,

making 11 per cent. for the year; £1,500

to general reserve, £300 to reserve for

meeting fluctuations in reserve, £13,568

forward.

The China Mutual Steam Navigation

Company's report shows that, including

£14,392 brought forward, the profit for last

year was £119,520. Of this £25,440 was

written off for depreciation, and after

payment of directors' fees, income-tax,

&c., and placing £10,000 to reserve, the

directors declare a dividend of 8 per cent.

on the ordinary shares, and a like dividend

on ordinary "B" shares, carrying forward

£15,270.

The Peking Daily News in a recent lead-

ing article reminds foreign journalists that

though China is an absolute Monarchy, it

is so in name only, the proletariat really

enjoying more liberty than in many so-

called democracies. Our contemporary

also says it would be well for foreign

writers to credit Chinese officials and the

Chinese Government with greater honesty

of purpose and disabuse their minds that

Chinese officialdom is ever looking for an

opportunity to get the better of foreign

interests by means of duplicity and

falsehood.

Many brokers and mining-lens

merchants are celebrating the prosperous

Rubber times by giving dinner and theatre

parties to their friends. For one rubber

dinner party in a leading hotel the following

special menu was suggested by an enter-

prising broker:—Huities Yam Seng; Con-

somme Chersonese; Anglo-Malayan; Jaga-

ra; Para; Kuala Lumpur Agassiz; Pommes de Patating; Duckit Rajah; Poars

Tremelby; Vallambrosa Ice. Wines:

Merlinum Singapore.

Replying to questions in the Commons

in reference to a consignment of Chinese

pork Mr Burns explained that the pork

was refused admission in London because

it did not comply with a technical require-

ment; the brokers having been taken out

of the carcasses. That portion was removed,

not in order to prevent the detection of

tuberculosis, but for commercial reasons.

The pigs in question were not, as had been

alleged, the black razor-backed scavenger

pigs. They were, according to a report of

the Consul-General at Hankow, white pigs

of a special breed fed on rice in the valley

of the Yangtze. Mr Markham rose to

ask a further question, but the Speaker

intervened with the remark, "We have

had enough of pigs for to-day."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Andromeda, cruiser, which took

home the relieved crew of the cruiser

Strenuous from the China Station, arrived

at Plymouth on 12th April.

Sir Hiram Maxim is at the head of a

new aerial company—A.I.R.—which has

been formed to assist the poor inventor,

and to place Britain ahead of her rivals in

the aerial industry.

Messrs Macgregor, Caldwell and Co.,

in London, have been appointed purveyors

to the House of Lords and House of

Commons for their firm's O. S. and Extra

Special Liqueur whiskeys.

The Japanese Government has purchas-

ed from Messrs Vicker, Sons and Maxim

the special vessel Transporter which the

firm designed and constructed some little

time ago for the purpose of shipping

submarines to Japan, a task for which she

proved herself eminently fitted.

Kowloon residents are keenly excited

in the preparations now being rushed

forward for bringing the railway past

Signal Hill up to the last godown

standing on the ground of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company

Ltd. A part of Salisbury road will have

to be resumed, we notice.

Mr Henry Keywick has purchased the

last of the staunch sailing schooners used

by the Shanghai pilots—the John Prance

—and will sail her in Hongkong waters as

a pleasure yacht. She comes down in tow

of the Choyang. The John Prance was

built in 1898, by Farham, Boyd and Co.,

and is of 48 tons register. She is said to

be the finest example of the old-time fleet.

Speaking at a dinner given at the City

Carlton Club, Mr George A. Touche re-

marked that the present Government would

go down to posterity as the indurubber

Government. They reminded him of

nothing so much as those indurubber dolls

which when squeezed in one place, said

"Papa," and when squeezed in another

said "Mamma." (Laughter.) This Govern-

ment, when some of their loyal followers

hit them below the belt, said "Budget

first." If Mr Redmond with his shillings

hit them on the chest, they said "Vote

first!" and when the Unionists punched

their heads, they said "Wait and see."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The marriage took place on April 11,

at Brighton, of Mr E. F. Accott, of Hong-

kong, to Miss Jean Farquharson.

The Justice of the Peace in Hongkong

will swear the oath of allegiance to King

George V. at 5 o'clock this evening in the

Council Chamber.

